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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF PODIATRY

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Cannon Building, Second Floor- Conference Room B

MINUTES APPROVED: October 7, 2015

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. James Bray, Professional Member Dr. Harold Gruber, Professional Member Amy Kratz, Public Member

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Teresa Wilson, Public Member

# **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Meaghan Jerman, Administrative Specialist II Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

### **ALSO PRESENT**

There was no public present

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Bray called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 16, 2014 Board meeting. Dr. Gruber made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kratz, to approve the meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## CONCLUSION OF SEPTEMBER 2014 RULES AND REGULATIONS HEARING

Ms. Singh reminded the Board that a public hearing was held at the September 16, 2014 meeting seeking to bring the regulations into conformity with operational procedures at the Division of Professional Regulation regarding license renewal, inactive status and continuing education attestation. She described the proposed changes to the regulations and confirmed that no comments were received by the Division. Dr. Gruber made a motion to approve the proposed regulations, seconded by Ms. Kratz. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

## REVIEW DOCUMENTATION FROM PRECEPTOR PROGRAM - ANGEL COX DPM

The Board reviewed the documentation sent in on behalf of Dr. Cox by her Preceptors Dr. Lesly Robinson and Dr. Gina Freeman. The Board agreed that the documentation submitted by Dr. Robinson and Dr. Freeman was in compliance with the current Rules and Regulation of the Board. Dr. Bray reported that Dr. Cox has completed the requirements as defined in the Board's regulations.

# **UPDATED ON BOARDS LEGISLATION**

Ms. Singh reported that the Board's legislation eliminating the preceptorship has passed both the House and Senate and now is waiting for the Governor's signature. Once the Bill has been signed by the Governor, the Board may begin making the necessary revisions to the regulations.

# **COMPLAINT STATUS**

Complaint 15-03-14 has been assigned to Dr. Bray.

Complaints 15-02-13 and 15-02-14 were closed by the Division of Professional Regulation.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# **APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD REVIEW**

There were no applications for review.

# RATIFICATION OF LICENSURE LIST

Dr. Gruber made a motion to ratify the license issued to Michael Younes, seconded by Ms. Kratz. The motion passed unanimously.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICATIONS

There were no continuing education applications.

### REVIEW HB 69 TELEMEDICINE SERVICES

Ms. Singh advised the Board that language regarding telehealth/telemedicine has been proposed by an outside party to be added to the Podiatry statute. The Board discussed telemedicine and the impact on healthcare. There was lengthy discussion on various telemedicine scenarios and the effect on patient care. The Board agreed the proposed definitions of telemedicine/telehealth seemed appropriate, but agreed that as technology changes the language will need to be monitored. Ms. Singh explained the Board also has leeway to further define this within the Board's regulations. The Board agreed that they would not object to this proposed language.

## **UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Board agreed to change their next meeting date to June 24, 2015 at 5 p.m. The meeting for April 16, 2015 will be cancelled.

### OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Dr. Bray inquired if a podiatrist can be a partner in an orthopaedic practice. Ms. Singh explained that this is not regulated under the Board of Podiatry's statute and she believes it is covered under Title 8 of the Delaware Code.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next scheduled board meeting is June 24, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room "B" of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware, 19904.

### <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

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There being no further business, Dr. Bray made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gruber to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Jerman

Administrative Specialist II

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The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.